

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has created E-post centres to start Electronic Mail Service to provide quick facilities to consumers;
- (b) if so, the number of E-post centres opened and proposed to be opened in each State, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the achievements made so far after starting the E-post service; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to attract the consumers towards this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

- (a) Yes Madam. E-Post centres have been created by the Department of Posts to enable the consumers to send their messages electronically to the destination ePost Centre, where they are printed and then delivered to the addressee in hard copy.
- (b) Presently, the ePost facility is available in 13051 ePost Centres across India. State-wise list including Maharashtra is given in Annexure. Opening of new ePost centres is an ongoing process.
- (c) The revenue achieved from the ePost service has increased from Rs. 0.82 lakhs during 2001 (the year of introduction of the service) to Rs. 267 lakhs in 2012-13.
- (d) Department of Posts has started Corporate and Prepaid service under ePost scheme to attract the consumers.